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How the royal wedding influenced the latest bridal trends

Although the latest Brides American Wedding Study shows the average cost of a wedding in 2010 was \$26,501, a decrease of 5 percent from 2009, weddings continue to be big business. But many couples are opting to cut the guest list instead of big ticket items like wedding gowns.

In fact, the average wedding gown cost \$1,289 in 2010, a 20 percent increase over 2009, according to the study. This is no surprise to the millions who were glued to their television sets this past April during the most talked about wedding since the 1981 royal wedding of Lady Diana to Prince Charles. Many brides are now emulating the elegant lace gown worn by Catherine Middleton, now the Duchess of Cambridge.

In addition to beautiful lace, the newest trends in wedding gowns include color, soft sleeves, short hemlines and eco-friendly materials.

Whether it is Chantilly, Alençon, duchesse, guipure, or ribbon, lace has become one of the hottest trends this year. "Designers at all price points have debuted collections featuring

full frothy skirts, wildflowers and lace used in both traditional and modern ways," says Kate Campbell, department chair of Fashion & Retail Management at The Art Institute of Tampa, a branch of Miami International University of Art & Design. "This particular trend parallels the more feminine, elegant trends we see in fashion everywhere - including more fitted and ladylike styles reminiscent of Grace Kelly and Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy."

While not for everyone, the use of color in wedding gowns has been growing in popularity. Rich and vibrant, or more subdued, color in bridal wear is everywhere. Some brides choose soft pastel colors, such as blush, rose or skin-tone. Others opt to wear vibrant hues of lavender, green and deep pink. Less bold brides are more likely to use hints of accent color on sashes, bows, embroidery, hems, necklines or beading. "The bride who chooses to add color to her dress is fashion forward and confident - it's not for the faint of heart," says Amber Chatelain, lead faculty for the Fashion & Retail Management program at The Art Institute of Tennessee - Nashville, a branch

of The Art Institute of Atlanta.

Another interesting new trend in bridal wear is short gowns, especially for brides choosing destination and beach weddings. While they may be short in length, these dresses are not short on style. Some offer sophisticated laces, chic feathers or multilayered organza mini-skirts.

Soft sleeves are enjoying a comeback. Designers have debuted soft, romantic sleeves, including traditional cap sleeves in florals and tulle, modern silhouettes using vintage elements, sequin fringe and flutter sleeves, and romantic off-the-shoulder versions. "The softness and elegance of the sleeves in bridal wear mirrors today's general fashion trends, where designers are highlighting the elegance and beauty of the female form in very soft ways," says Charlene Parsons, who heads the fashion programs at Miami International University of Art & Design. Whatever fashion trends a bride chooses, one that will never go out of style is a gown that fits well, is figure flattering and makes the bride feel like she's the most beautiful woman in the world on her big day. (ARA)



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Planning the perfect marriage proposal

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With a little fun preparation, however, you can take the stress out of one of the biggest moments of your life.

♥ Timing Matters

If you want a resounding "yes" to your question, ensure it's the right time for you and your significant other.

With a little finesse, you can find out how your honey feels, and still make the question a complete surprise when the time comes. Watch a movie that involves a marriage proposal or mention the engagements of friends and acquaintances to gauge a reaction. This light detective work should give you all the information you need.

♥ Make it Personal

The perfect proposal is different for everyone. The most important guideline is to consider the personality of your soon to be fiancée.

For a traditionalist, you can simply take a



walk through your favorite park, or the spot of your first date, and get down on one knee. And while the JumboTron route is a perfectly acceptable option for a baseball lover who relishes the spotlight, not everyone wants their special moment to be a spectacle in front of thousands. If you or your intended are shy, you may need a quieter idea. Bake a cake with the proposal written in the icing, or print the

question on a trivia card in your favorite board game.

♥ Next Steps

Getting engaged is the first step in a long wedding planning process. Next you will need to share the good news with your loved ones.

You'll want to announce your engagement and wedding date right away to ensure everyone can make it to your celebration, but don't sacrifice creativity. Save the dates cards from an online stationery store with customization options, such as Minted.com, make the process easier.

"Your wedding is your special day, so look for cards that express your personality," advises Mariam Naficy, CEO of Minted.com. An online store also is a great option for wedding invitations, because the color and style options are vast and easily searchable. To explore save the date and wedding invitation ideas, visit www.minted.com.

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Because people travel so much these days, weddings aren't always local any more. Often couples are not able to travel to the wedding location prior to the ceremony to get everything organized, and rely on telephone and email conversations. Not being able to directly interact face to face with wedding organizers at the church and reception hall, and vendors who will be handling the cake, photos and flowers, to name a few, can make planning a bit more of a challenge.

Wedding dreams can turn into nightmares well before the wedding - your wedding dress shop, the caterer or even the venue goes out of business - or the day of - a tornado strikes the church where the wedding was to be held. But sometimes the nightmares end up to be extremely funny stories that will be retold time and time again - and they can happen whether the wedding is taking place locally, or halfway across the country.



Under one policy through Wedsure.com, a division of R.V. Nuccio and Associates, couples can pick and choose all a carte up to nine wedding insurance coverage options they want and may need. In addition to cancellation and additional expense, the coverage options also include gifts, jewelry, loss of deposits, photographs and video, professional counseling,

rented property, special attire and personal liability and medical payments.

Weather is the biggest offender causing wedding cancellations. If a hurricane, snow-storm, ice storm, tornado or airport closure forces you to move or postpone your destination or travel wedding, Wedsure.com wedding insurance pays all the nonrefundable expenses you incur, including the honeymoon.

Having a plan B can save you plenty of ups and downs on the emotional roller coaster if something turns your dream wedding into a nightmare. For example, if the wedding gifts were to be stolen from the reception, wedding insurance can help protect you from experiencing grief.

Planning a wedding takes a lot of time and energy, especially when you and many members of the family have to travel for the event. While a disaster could disrupt the dream event, it doesn't have to cause you financial devastation. Be prepared with a plan B and anticipate that this special time of your life will proceed just like it did in your childhood dreams. (ARA)



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Engaged? Plan the perfect wedding registry

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"There are so many details involved in making sure you get exactly what you need and want, but it doesn't have to be stressful," says Audrey Stavish, wedding and gift registry expert at Bed Bath & Beyond. "Consulting a professional can make the registry process stress-free and even fun."

Stavish is offering some helpful hints to plan the perfect wedding registry:

♥ **Plan Ahead:** Start a wedding registry as soon as you say yes, to give guests plenty of time. Where you register is important. Ask friends, family and co-workers about their experiences. Opt for convenience and great customer service. Choose a store that has locations nationwide.

♥ **Seek Help:** It's easy to get overwhelmed with planning a wedding. That's why



couples rely on the advice of professionals -- from stylists to florists to caterers. Don't forget the registry expert! Also, take advantage of complimentary wedding planning tools available on your registry website to consolidate all your wedding information in one place. A site like www.bedbathandbeyond.com for example, has features that help you budget your wedding, manage your guest list, and arrange your seating chart.

♥ **Visit a Store:** It's in your best interest to visit a store and talk with an expert consultant who can help you with your gift selections and share great tips, like what cookware you will need to prepare your favorite dish. It's important to touch the towels, hold the flatware, and see everything in person. Most couples go into the stores many times and also update their registries online more than once.

♥ **Dream big:** A good formula is to register for two-to-three items for each guest invited to the wedding. Friends and family will rely on the registry for your engagement party, shower and holidays. And guests will appreciate having lots of choices in a wide range of prices and categories.

♥ **Let Your Friends Know:** A complete wedding stationery ensemble helps you inform your guests about every detail of your wedding -- from asking guests to save your wedding date to thanking them for wedding gifts. Visit www.bedbathandbeyond.com and click on "personalized invitations" to visit their online-only stationery store. (StatePoint)

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♥ Splurge for a dream vacation

Hawaii embodies the words dreamy, romantic and sensual like almost nowhere else. The Big Island of Hawaii was named by Aways.com as a top-10 destination for a honeymoon vacation on a budget. "Hawaii is a great choice for a honeymoon, but many people think they can't afford it. The trick is to look beyond the name-brand places on the Big Island, like Kona, in favor of a hidden-gem like Kealahou Bay," says Aways.com's senior editor Kate Chandler. Hawaii is known for its sandy



beaches, but it has so much to offer, such as snorkeling expeditions, rolling golf courses, interesting cultural and natural history and plenty of yummy food choices.

♥ Take a hot air balloon ride

What better way to experience the beauty of Napa and Sonoma wine country than with a birds-eye view? Book a sunrise or sunset tour, complete with a mini-picnic and local sparkling wine to set the mood as your drift above the vines and wineries. Very few things can match the serene energy you feel as you

watch the first rays of sun begin to paint the morning sky.

♥ Hear a gig

The saying goes that it takes two to tango. But in Austin, Texas, you might well swap in the two-step instead. Orbitz.com named Austin one of its 2012 Hotspots, and for good reason. Austin is the self-proclaimed "Live Music Capital of the World," and this music mecca is living up to its reputation. It's home to more live-music venues per capita than anywhere else in the United States.

Watch the stars

For those who prefer to experience the outdoors with a touch of luxury, head somewhere like Amangiri in Canyon Point, Utah. This resort rests on 600 acres and was consciously designed to blend into its surroundings. One of the best aspects of the American Southwest, whether you're staying at a ranch or roughing it in a tent, is that you're never too far from an unobstructed view of the night sky. Grab a blanket or two and snuggle up for some truly romantic stargazing. (ARA)

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Tips for the brides on a budget

Between the thrilling proposal and the pre-wedding whirlwind - setting the date, finding the perfect wedding dress, planning the honeymoon - weddings should feel joyous and romantic.

But after the wedding, couples should enjoy their newly wedded bliss - not panic about digging themselves out of debt.

According to the Association for Wedding Professionals International, the average wedding costs between \$18,000 and \$21,000.

In these difficult economic times, couples might need to minimize the cost of their wedding. But brides on budgets do not need to whittle their guest list from 200 to 10.

Here are some affordable - and tasteful - measures couples can take to stay within their budget.

What eats up wedding cash? Wedding receptions usually account for half of a wedding's cost. Dinner and drinks add up, especially if couples pay for a full or open bar.

To save money on the bubbly, couples should nix the mixed drinks. Soon-to-be-



marrieds can serve champagne during the toast, then offer beer and wine for the rest of the evening. Give clumsier guests white wine, not red, and the evening should progress with fewer mishaps at a lower cost.

For dinner, couples should think outside the catering-company box. Local restaurants might make better deals. Classy catering can come from unexpected places.

Boston Market restaurants provide full-service catering options with elegant entrées like roasted sirloin, turkey or rotisserie chicken, and a selection of gourmet sides. The cost? From \$14.99 to \$21.99 a head.

After the reception, photography and videography are the second largest budget-breakers. Couples can hire a photographer and videographer for the ceremony, then leave reception photographs to friends, family and digital cameras.

To avoid the cost of a live band, brides and grooms can opt for MP3 playlists, customized CDs and speaker rentals over pricey bands.

Finally, hiring a wedding coordinator can save time, manage stress and get better deals.

So, here's a toast to tweaking old traditions to make a dream wedding financially attainable - and to save enough money for a long, relaxing honeymoon. Cheers! (NewsUSA)



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Of course, the ceremony is the main focus, and the reason that everyone is gathered. But for out of town guests, spending time together at their hotel is another opportunity to visit and catch up.

Include hotel information along with the wedding invitation so it's easy for out-of-towners to find a place to stay. It's also a great way to let those attending the wedding know where other guests will be staying. Many hotels will give large groups a discount on rooms, so brides and grooms can ensure that their guests get the best rate as well.

Out of town guests will appreciate hotel recommendations that keep their needs in mind.

♥ **The hotel should be located near the site of the wedding or the reception.** This means once guests are at the hotel,

they should have an easy time finding their way to the big event.

♥ **Keep guests' finances in mind.** It is a gesture of fondness for guests to travel to the wedding, but it can get expensive. Transportation, hotel and dining expenses add up quickly. And then there's the wedding gift. Choose a hotel that offers much-appreciated complimentary amenities, such as a complimentary hot breakfast and free Internet access.

♥ **Give guests a place to unwind.** Visiting is great, but when large groups are involved, sometimes people need some time to themselves. A quiet hotel room to go back to is a great refuge from all the wedding activities. AmericInn makes a quiet hotel its priority; its SoundGuard construction system reduces sounds and vibrations so guests are assured of a quiet, restful night.

♥ **Make sure the kids are entertained.** Look for a hotel that has a pool for the kids. They can swim while the adults mingle. Adults will enjoy a fitness area, whirlpool and sauna. (ARA)

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Why it's important to personalize your wedding

Rather than letting your wedding planner do everything for you, get involved! That's not to say you need to deal with setting up the venue and hiring the band. Just tackle some of the fun stuff - like the invitations, party favors and decorations.

♥ The Invitations

Instead of choosing an invitation out of a book and placing an order, which is so impersonal, take the time to make your own. Not only will this activity make you feel more a part of the planning process, it'll be a big money saver. You can find everything you need to get the job done at your local Michaels Arts & Crafts store. The chain carries a large selection of invitation papers, ranging from every day cardstock to handmade papers and vellum. Then, use your home computer to create the same professional look you'd get if you ordered them from a printer. For beach themed invitations, you might stamp the cards with palm trees or seashells or stencil on starfish. Or punch a hole near the top and tie beach-themed cutouts or small charms to the card with thin satin ribbon.



For heavenly cards, choose blue or silver paper and use star and moon stamps. Drop a few loose silver stars in the card before putting it in the envelope. For a beautiful summer wedding, place a sunshine stencil on top of a yellow card and "paint" with thinned glue. Remove the stencil and sprinkle with orange and gold-colored glitter. When it's dry, shake

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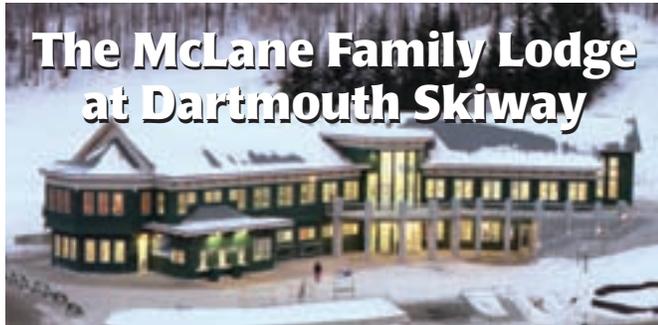
♥ The decorations

Now that you've gotten into the excitement of doing it yourself, take the inspiration and run with it. Arts and crafts stores have entire aisles filled with wedding-themed materials you can use to decorate the chapel and banquet hall. Ribbon of all shapes and sizes can be used to decorate the aisle you'll march down and the tables at the reception. If you'll be having a tropics or beach-themed wedding, you can fill glass vases with colored sand and sprinkle colorful sequins or tiny seashells on top.

♥ Favors

It's also fun to add a personal touch to your favors. Your guests would be delighted to receive a gift of handmade soap commemorating the day. Or you can show your thanks with a box of chocolates, candles or bubbles, wrapped in tulle and tied loosely with curling ribbon in the same color you built your wedding theme around.

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♥ **Mind Your Money:** Create a budget and stick to it.

♥ **Be Prepared:** Try an online planning tool like Dress Your Wedding (www.davids-bridal.com) to create the "virtual" wedding of your dreams.

♥ **If the Dress Fits:** Try on a gown in your size so you know that it fits and is comfortable.

♥ **Enquiring Minds Want to Know:** Bring a trusted friend shopping and listen to the advice of educated consultants.

♥ **Keeping it Coordinated:** Try a shop like David's Bridal that allows you to carry a color theme throughout all aspects of your wedding.

♥ **The Icing on The Cake:** Go to a



bridal retailer that carries coordinating accessories and can recommend options.

♥ **Time Saving Solutions:** Try sites like OurWeddingDay.com and DavidBridal.com

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♥ **It's Your Party:** Listen to friends, but stay true to yourself on the "big day." (ARA)

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Pre-wedding beauty tips for the bride

Here's a complete pre-wedding beauty checklist.

♥ **Lips:** Get soft, kissable lips by brushing away flakes of dry skin with an infant toothbrush soaked in baking soda and water. Apply healing ointment, and in no time, your lips will be ready for that "kiss the bride" kiss.

♥ **Makeup:** Women with warm skin tones look best in makeup with pink, coral, peach, amber, brown and red with yellow

undertones. If you have a cool skin tone, choose pink, berry, lilac, mauve or red with blue undertones.

♥ **Skin:** Make your face glow with a good cleansing program. Use a cleanser that's appropriate for your skin type in the morning, makeup remover and cleanser at night and a daily moisturizer.

♥ **Hair:** If you're planning to change your hairstyle or color, experiment several months

before the wedding so you have time to correct any mistakes.

♥ **Nails:** Plan your last manicure a couple of days before the big day. Choose a pretty pale pink or splurge on a French manicure, not just because it looks great, but because the chips won't show as much and are easy to fix. You'll have beautiful hands for the rehearsal dinner and any other festivities.

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